

BAR HILL NEWS

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Bar Hill Village Fête ~ The Fabulous Forties

Saturday 5th July on the Village Green starting at 1 pm. The theme for this year is the **Fabulous Forties**. There will be a "40's Memories" display in the Village Hall and a live band 'The Spitfire Ball' playing in the evening.

More details to follow next month and in the Fête Programme

The **deadline** for all stallholders to book a stall at the Village Fête is **Saturday 17th May**. No bookings can be taken after this date as the Fête Booklet and layout will then be put together. For anyone interested in having a stall or being involved in the Fête please contact 200228.



Cookery Competition

In keeping with the Forties Theme we have taken 3 recipes from a 'Victory Cookbook' with recipes based on those from the Forties. The recipes are on **page 21**—the **entry forms will appear in the June issue**.

41st OXFAM WALK



Come and join the Oxfam Walk by taking part on **Sunday 11 May**, starting and finishing at Wimpole Hall, near Cambridge.

Enjoy a refreshing day walking in the Cambridgeshire countryside with your family and friends while raising money for Oxfam's Emergencies Fund. There are a variety of routes on offer. **Choose between 4, 9, 13, 17 and 23 miles or a marathon route of 26 miles.**

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RESIDENTS'



ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday, 23 May at 8 pm

The Studio, Bar Hill Primary School

Come and join us!

(Buffet and wine!)

Chat about your village

Copy date for the next issue is 15th May to Margaret Sellars at bhneditor@yahoo.com, or see page 2 for other contact details.

BAR HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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The ¼ page ads are for local businesses and we guarantee publication. This often results in a waiting list and, to help overcome this problem, we provide maxi and mini ads. These appear throughout the publication and we cannot guarantee their inclusion due to restrictions of space.

EDITORIAL

There is no charge for **Articles, What's On, For Sale and Lost and Found**, and these appear at the Editor's discretion. Please submit items by 15th of the month.

All telephone numbers without an area code are Crafts Hill (01954).

All items can be submitted **electronically on disc or to bhneditor@yahoo.com.**

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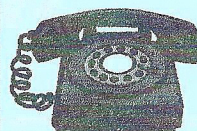
Seminars

Training days

Exam sessions

Anniversary celebrations

Excellent parking and catering facilities



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Dear Sir

I note several letters on this issue again, including two from a Parish Councillor and the Chairman of the Residents' Association. Sadly though, yet again, neither explained what the issue is with not knocking it down. Roger Hall just says they can't get legal access. Please can the village have an explanation as to why the Council can't get access, if all parties want it knocking down? It's a simple question.

Given the level of concern in the village over this, I would have thought that some explanation as to why a protective fence has now been erected around the barber's shop would have been forthcoming. Who put this up and why?what is happening?.... is it going to be demolished at last? If so what, if anything is going in its place and if it's an office does the Parish Council have all the required funds and a pre-let to a tenant?

A man cutting down trees on the site says the barber's shop is going to be demolished soon ...any update would be welcome.

Whilst writing, I would just add to Mr Doland that I am not writing to rubbish the Parish Council. I am writing to try and remove an eyesore that is blighting the village. I am fully supportive of people who are willing to give up their free time in support of the community (including those who publish this newsletter). It doesn't however mean that I am not allowed to ask pertinent questions of them. The quality of Mr Doland's reply I'm afraid, only reinforces my concern that the issue is not being professionally handled.

Nice to see the bus shelter replaced.

R Bishop

Dear Editor,

In response to the recent negative material concerning our village, I challenge the writers to name somewhere nearby with a superior range of facilities. There must be many thankful residents who enjoy, and use the numerous organisations or businesses including a 24 hour store to a gymnasium and swimming pool (starting at 6.30 a.m). The dissatisfied should check the facts out or settle in a conservation area

Brian Halls

65 Watermead

Dear Sir

I disagree with those who criticise the standard of neighbourliness found in Bar Hill. On suffering serious personal misfortune recently I was amazed at the extent of support and encouragement provided by my fellows in Bar Hill.

I have always found this to be the case wherever I have lived and I am sure that those who are unhappy in one community will be equally disappointed elsewhere. There are a lot of folk, here and in any settlement who do whatever they can to make a success of their environment in the field in which they are interested and I strongly recommend that the unhappy detractors should

go out more among their comrades to discover what is available to us quite free of charge or obligation. Join the Social Club, 8 o'clock Club, Gym, Golf Club. Don't just whinge about what you haven't looked for when it is there for the taking.

Keith Morris

Dear Sir

Recycling facilities

As you may be aware, we have a facility for customers to recycle old carrier bags. The container is located behind the checkouts. The company has also provided us with containers to collect coat hangers. They are located at the top of the travellator by clothing and also behind the checkouts. Our store has re-cycled the highest volume of coat hangers in the company, with a total of 2,500 coat hangers in just one week. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Our re-cycling centre in the car park is checked daily for general standards, and occasionally there is clear evidence of fly tipping. If at any time our standards are not met, we contact the relevant company to clear the area. To date I have no further news regarding the re-cycling unit which Tesco would like to install. As soon as I have an update, I will communicate it to you in the Bar Hill News.

Trolleys

I understand the frustrations of residents when trolleys are deserted around the village. The "locking wheel" process does work. However a small number of trolleys seem to escape. In view of that it would help us if you contacted the Duty Manager on 220766 or, alternatively, contact the store's Customer Service Desk to report the location of the trolley to be collected. We then plot the location on a map and arrange collection by one of our team.

Litter

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8th May Smellies! – Memories from evocative smells
At: Zoya's

22nd May Lakes – research a lake and tell us about it
At: Di's

5th June Visit to Botanic Gardens

Bar Hill group welcomes women of all ages, we would love to see you, do give it a try – it's only £1.00 per evening to cover costs.

If you would like more information, or someone to accompany you to a meeting please do not hesitate to call Bobby Colver on 781662 or Heather Wheeler on 781208. You can also find us on www.nwr.org.uk it's worth a look!



Friends of Bar Hill Library

The Coffee Morning on 3 April was very quiet, but the Book Sale on Saturday 5 April had a steady stream

of buyers and interested readers.

On 12 March some members of the committee were invited to the 'get together' of all the 'Friends' groups in the county. It was organised by Central Library staff to show their appreciation and to encourage us with new ideas. We were entertained in the March Library and had a splendid lunch laid on. After lunch we discussed our various fundraising ideas to promote the Library service.

On 12 June at 7.00 pm there will be a talk in the Library about "Women's Land Army". Tickets available in the Library nearer the date.

Sheila Mason

8 o'clock Club

The next meeting of the 8 o'clock club is on **Thursday 1 May at 8 pm** in the school when the speaker will be sharing with us the history of John Lewis, Robert Sayle and the Grand Arcade.

Barbara Page

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If you do not wish to support the aims of Christian Aid, it would be appreciated if you would politely tell your collector that when they call on you. Some of our collectors have met with a hostile response in previous years. Unlike many other representatives of charities who call at your door, they are all volunteers who receive no benefit for giving up their time to take part in the collection.



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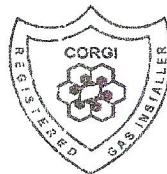
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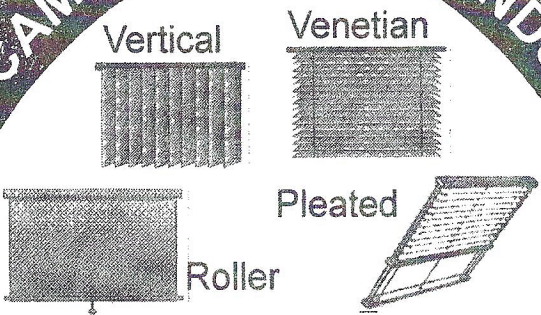
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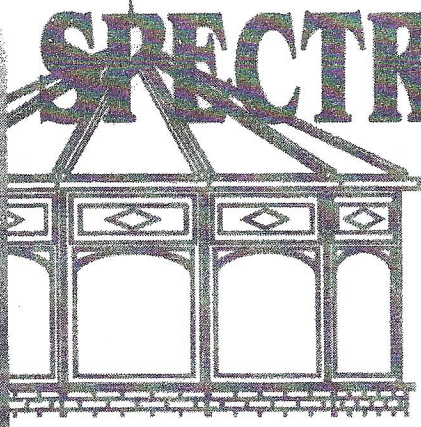
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We encourage all current, lapsed and new members to come along and play on the courts. Please encourage your family, neighbours and friends to come down to our club social nights to play some tennis. We welcome players of all abilities. Tennis is an excellent way to keep fit and enjoy the summer evenings in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Court Timetable:

Mondays	7 th April- 28 th April: 7-9 pm	Men's Team Practice
	May-beg of Aug: 6-9 pm (dates to be confirmed)	Men's/Mixed Team Matches
Tues and Thurs	15 th Apr- 25 th Sept: 7-9 pm	Adult Club Social Nights

The Bar Hill Primary School will use the courts in the summer term at dates to be confirmed.

Generally, there will be free use of the courts to all members outside of these times.

Annual Subscriptions:

These became due from 1st April 2008. We have kept the subs at the same price as last season so you can all enjoy the courts at no extra cost!

Adult Membership: £35

Junior Membership: £15

Family Membership (1 or 2 adults plus children up to age of 16): £75

Guests of members may occasionally use the courts accompanied by members for £2 per person/session.

Wimbledon Tickets: We have some pairs of show court tickets for the 2008 Wimbledon Championships which we offer at cost price to paid-up members. The draw takes place on 27th May at 7 pm at the club courts.

There will be free, public access to the courts during the weekends of the Wimbledon fortnight (28-29th June and 5-6th July from 10-5pm).

Your Committee:

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Please feel free to contact us if you have any queries or comments.



CRICKET CLUB

By the time you read this, we should have played our first matches of the season as we prepare for life in CCA Junior League, Division One for the first time. That's if the April showers dried up in time.

As well as the first team's debut at the higher level, the seconds are also stepping up to a new division after their promotion last season, and the friendly team have a full programme on Sundays.

This includes a new President's XI match against some of the old faces who were the mainstays of the club after it was re-launched in the late 80's. The match is on the **Village Green on Sunday May 11** and all spectators are, as ever, welcome.

The youth section is also preparing to begin their season. We are running teams at under-15, under-14 and under-12 levels.

Training is on Tuesday nights at 6.30 pm on the Village Green, and those attending will have noticed a few new coaching aids which we have obtained over the winter as we aim to provide better facilities for our youngsters.

Membership for youth players costs just £15 per year, which includes all training sessions and matches. Anyone who has not already joined can just turn up on a Tuesday night, or contact our youth co-ordinator **Simon Smith on 200207**.

For new adult members or any other queries, contact me on the number below.

As ever, keep up to date with the latest news by visiting the club website, www.barhillcricket.org.uk

May fixtures at the Village Green

Saturday 3: Barley (first XI)

Wednesday 7: NCI (under-14)

Thursday 8: Over (under-12)

Saturday 10: Chatteris II (second XI)

Sunday 11: Presidents' XI (friendly)

Saturday 17: Ashwell (first XI)

Sunday 18: Camden (friendly)

Monday 19: Chatteris (under-15)

Saturday 31: Abbots Ripton (second XI)

Sunday June 1: Globe (friendly)

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Bladen's Bulldogs.



Despite not playing for a few weeks, the Bulldogs were eager to get on the field still in with a chance of promotion. The lack of games soon showed as Eaton Socon scored twice in the first six minutes! After seventeen minutes a solo run from **Tom Beresford** pulled a goal back. However, in the space of five minutes Eaton Socon were 4-1 up following success from set-pieces. Just before half-time **Connor Woodbridge** pulled a goal back for 4-2 at half time.

What a goal feast in the second half when within seven minutes **Chester Cooke** scored, followed by a second goal from **Tom Beresford** to make it 4-4. However our opponents scored again but three minutes late a spectacular **Toby Saunders** shot from almost the half-way line to level it up again. This time the boys didn't let our opponents back in with further goals from **Chester Cooke** again, **Tom Beresford** to complete his hat-trick, and a glancing header from **Joe Moore**.

Result Bulldogs 8 Eaton Socon 5
Next-Steve's Under 9 Bombers who consistently this season have scored goals – their latest victory

being a 10-0 in their local derby against Swavesey.

The team really warmed up well with lots of passing which paid dividends when the match started as Swavesey were unable to cope with the pace of passing displayed by the team. An early run down the right wing saw a super fast cross hit the



forehead of a sprinting **Josh Virgo** for the opening goal. This was followed by two more quick goals by **Elliot Davies** from the right hand side of the pitch.

The second half saw a 100% different team (due to all players being available the 6 a side team was changed each half!) and **Sam Andrews** was quickly on the end of a corner to strike a goal from a defender's deflection. After creating a goal for **Louis Moyes**, **Ollie Fisher** went on to score 4 goals of his own before **Callum Bacon** completed the scoring. A valiant Swavesey battled hard but did not unduly worry **Dan** or **Anna** or **Harvey** who all took a turn in goal. Not only were the team strong on the attack, but also **Ben**, **Matt** and **Tommy** did some great work in defence, cutting out many long balls. This was probably Bombers best show of true teamwork and unselfishness. It was difficult to choose, but for work rate alone, **Elliot Davies** took the coveted Man of the Match trophy home until next weeks match....

Result Bombers 10 Swavesey 0 SO CLOSE...

A fantastic cup run for the U11s finally comes to an end at the semi final stage as the Raiders lost 5-2 against a strong Histon side. A great effort lads!

Bar Hill Jets – U15

Season 2007-2008-Jairo Marin

"All in all, the boys have had another enjoyable season and whilst we finished lower down the league

than we would have wished, it was nevertheless a successful season.

In previous years, we managed to retire from the league cup after the first round of the competition. However, this season we excelled in the competition and eventually lost to Willingham in the semi-final.

On the day, we were beaten by a team that has been an established side in the 'A' league but we went out fighting. On route to the semi-final, we had stiff competition in all the rounds of the cup that we participated in as only teams in the 'A' and 'B' leagues were able to take part. Therefore, it was a credit to all the boys that we progressed as far as we did and I was very proud of them. Off the field, I am as ever, grateful for the fantastic support that I receive from the children's parents. Marking the pitch; running the line; putting the goals up; taking them back down again; making refreshments and supporting the children on match days, always with fanatical but exemplary support. To the children and the parents – Thank you."



FINALLY

The end of season presentation date has been confirmed for the **14 June**. The celebrations will start in the afternoon with a variety of activities from tournaments to coaching sessions to bouncy castles! The evening will finish with a disco. This will be a superb event so **DON'T MISS OUT!**

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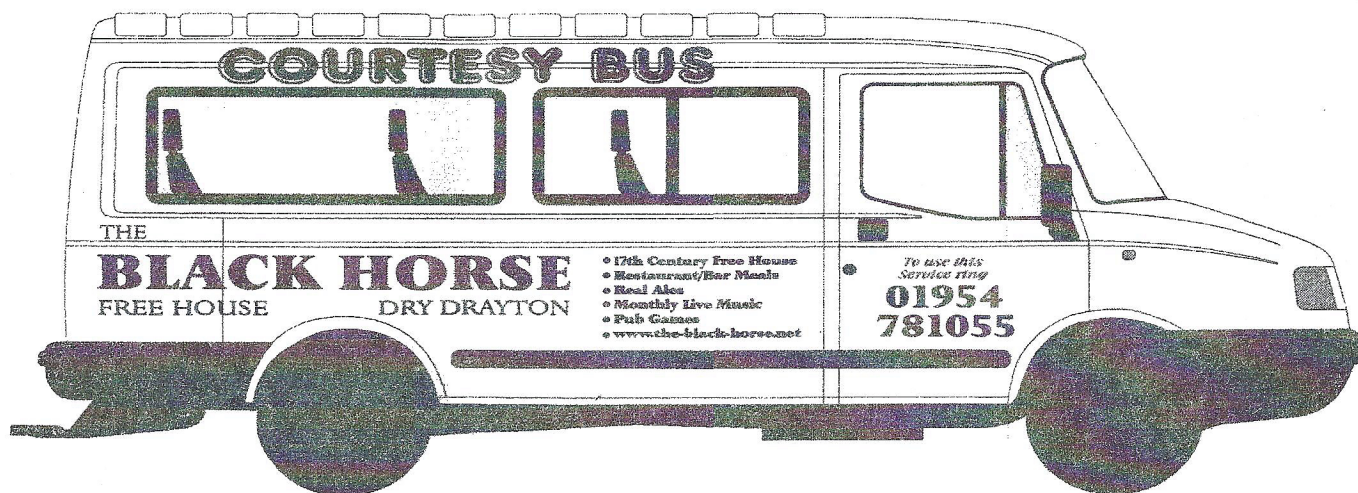
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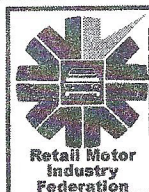
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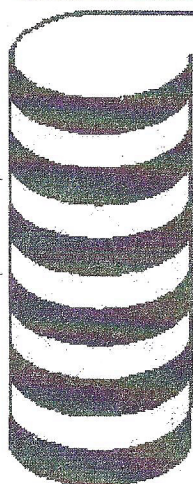
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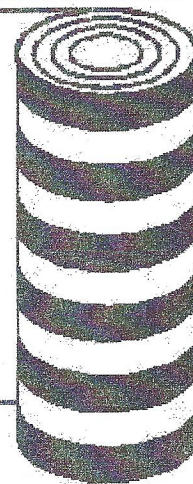
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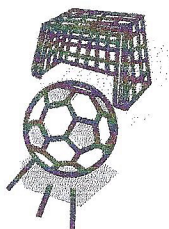
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The officers of the Management Committee are:

Chairperson Alan Hewings
Secretary Paul Thorby
Treasurer Jairo Marin



Parent and Toddler Group

Bar Hill parent and toddler group is a welcoming and friendly charity group run by a committee of parents to provide play and socialising for children (and parents) from 0-4 years of age. The sessions run Wednesdays and Fridays from 9.45 to 11.15 am during term time and are held in the Octagon. Both sessions provide a wide range of activities which include arts and crafts, puzzles, dressing up, role play and a wide range of outdoor toys (weather permitting).

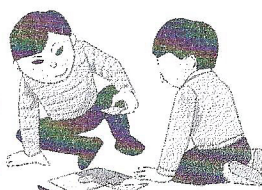
The cost of each session is £1.90 for the first child and £1.00 per sibling up to a maximum of £3.00 per family or childminder. Under ones are free if accompanied by an older child. This fee includes refreshments for both parent/carer and children.

For any more info' please call Hanna on 200232 or Lisa on 201902.

Bar Hill Fete: this will take place on Sat 5th July and we will be running a tombola stall for both adults and children. **Any donations will be gratefully received.**

ATTENTION: It is with much regret to announce that we will be losing Georgie our session leader at the end of the summer term, as she is moving on to pastures new. We will need a **new toddler session leader** from September on Wednesday and Friday mornings 9.15 till 11.45. The job would entail good liaising with children, planning creative activities, setting up and putting away, singing at the end of each session and the preparing of snacks and drinks for the children and their carers. Our committee will also provide you with great support at all times.

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If you can improve our website, provide transport for our volunteers or display a small selection of our wares please contact a member of the committee, details are given on our website at www.rosieinstitches.org.uk. Come along to one of our stalls to see our selection of clothes and toys:

Outpatients, Addenbrooke's Tuesday 6th May 10 am to 4 pm

Cherry Hinton Festival At the recreation ground Saturday 6th September 11 am to 6 pm

Tea Bar Outpatients, Rosie Hospital, Cambridge

Hackers Fruit Farm Dry Drayton, Cambridgeshire

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Avril Williams

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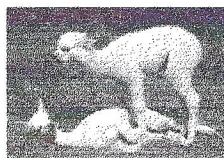
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Solutions to April's Wordsearch

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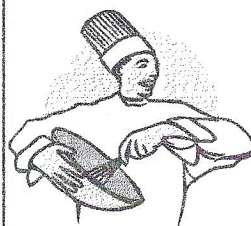
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or obliquely.

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Holiday at Home

For three days after Easter the Octagon building was
transformed into the cruise liner Octagon to provide a
holiday at home for elderly members of the community
who find it difficult or impossible to go away.
The fun started with a cookery demonstration by our or
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Paddocks) and continued with a
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afternoon tea with home made cakes.
Many church members volun-
teered their time to make this a

very special holiday for over forty guests. Thanks also
go to the village organisations who made donations.

If you or someone you care for would like to join our
Knit and Natter group or other activities during the
year please contact the Church Office or Sue Kench-
ington 780260. All our activities are open to everyone.

Jan Hewins

Bar Hill Church Publicity Co-ordinator

Sports & Social Club

The newly elected committee is now up and running.
After many years of hard work Chairman Bob Wells
and Treasurer Mick Turner decided to stand down
making way for our new Chairman Iain Martin and
Treasurer Paul Neal - best wishes to all.

●Membership draw dates are Saturday 10th and 24th of
May. The prize money stands at £950.00! You have to
be in the Social Club with your membership card to
win. We are going to introduce a new draw called 'Open
the Box' - details to follow.

●The price of signing in a guest is to be increased from
50p to £1 and £2 on entertainment nights - still repre-
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We are having a 'Meat Loaf
Tribute' on Saturday 24th May
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Saturday 24th May - 12 noon - midnight
Sunday 25th May - 12 noon - 11.00pm
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Julie Circuit

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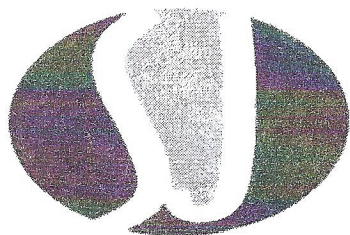
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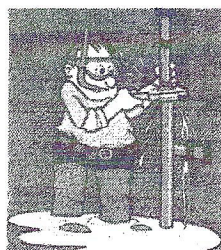
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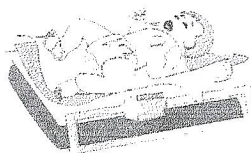
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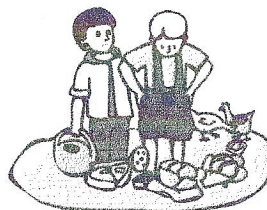
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Inspector Paul Ormerod takes up a new post at Force Headquarters in the Neighbourhood Policing Project Team this week. Paul has worked tirelessly in South Cambs in support of Neighbourhood Policing and this new opportunity will enable him to oversee the continued implementation across the Force. I am delighted to report the appointment of Inspector Chris Savage takes who takes over as the new Sector Inspector for South Cambs from today.

John Reynolds



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REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR ROGER HALL

Audit Commission re-inspection

Residents may remember that, last year, the Audit Commission criticised certain areas of the Council's organisation. A re-inspection occurred recently and found that there has been 'real progress' since then, and the Council has well-developed plans to build on its success. There are, therefore, no plans to refer the Council to the Secretary of State or for another inspection to take place.

The proposed Congestion Charge

Most South Cambridgeshire councillors believe that the proposed Congestion Charge for Cambridge cannot be justified unless and until there are adequate public transport options available for those entering Cambridge between 7-30 and 9-30 am.

Northstowe

Copies of the plans are available from the main development scheme on majordevelopment@cambs.gov.uk or by post to Julie Ayres at the South Cambridgeshire offices in Cambourne.

Planning Committee meetings

The Council is encouraging applicants to come along and speak at meetings of the Planning Committee. In addition, experienced planning officers will be available to applicants at an early stage in the planning process to give advice to save time and money at a later stage

Kerbside Plastic Bottle Collection

Later this year, the Council will introduce the kerbside collection of plastic bottles. This will replace the community plastics collection bins such as you see in the Tesco car park in Bar Hill, which are often full to overflowing. The bottles will be taken to a new recycling facility that will reduce significantly the amount of plastic waste which currently goes into landfill sites.

Roger Hall

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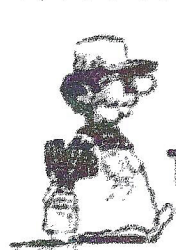
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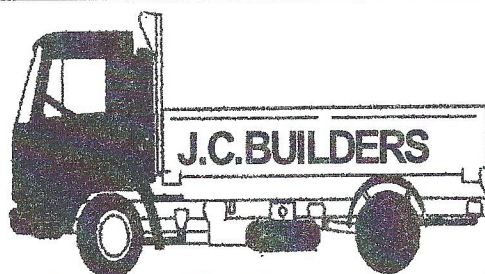
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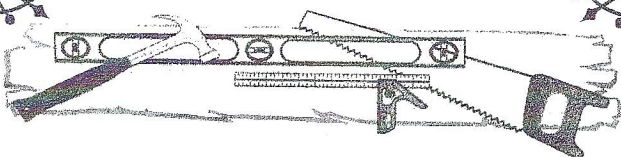
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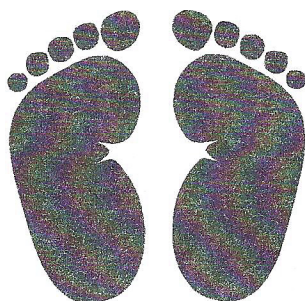
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RECIPES FOR CAKE COMPETITION

Apple Fruit Cake

Grease and line a 6" tin.

Ingredients

8oz S.R Flour

3 oz marg

3 oz sugar

½ teaspoon ground cinnamon

6 oz cooking apples peeled, cored and diced (weight when prepared)

3 oz sultanas or raisins

1 egg

Milk required

1 oz Demerara sugar for topping

Method

Preheat oven to 180 degrees, gas mark 4. Rub marg into flour, add sugar, cinnamon, apples, dried fruit and egg. Mix very thoroughly, if necessary add a little milk, but mixture should be sticky. Spoon mixture into tin and smooth and sprinkle with sugar. Cook for approx for 1 hour but lower temp if necessary after 50 mins. Cool for 10 mins in tin and then turn out and cool on rack.



Bacon Turnovers

Pastry 12 oz flour

6 oz fat

Filling

4 oz bacon rashers

2 cooked leeks or onion – chopped

8 oz cooked potatoes – diced

1-2 tbs chopped parsley or sage

1-2 oz grated cheese



Make the pastry in the usual way. Grill and chop the bacon, cool and mix with the leeks, potatoes, herbs and cheese. Cut the pastry into 4 rounds. Put the filling in the centre of each, moisten the edges and fold over to seal. Brush with milk

Bake in a middle hot oven until crisp and brown.

Serve hot or cold.

Ginger and Date Cake

Cooking time 50 mins

7 oz S.R Flour

1tsp bicarbonate of soda

1tsp ground ginger

2 oz margarine

2 tablespoons golden syrup

1-2 oz sugar

2-3 oz chopped dates

1 egg

3 tablespoons of milk

Method

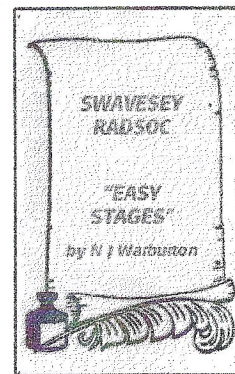
Line a tin 7"x 4" with greaseproof paper. Sift dry ingredients together. Put marg, golden syrup and sugar into pan and heat gently until melted. Allow to stand for a few minutes and then add to the dry mixture together with the egg. Heat the milk in a pan which has syrup mix in. Add to cake mixture. Beat well. Spoon into tin and cook at 180 degrees in the centre of the oven for 50 mins approx. Leave in tin to cool for 20 mins and then turn out.



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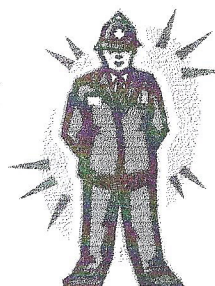
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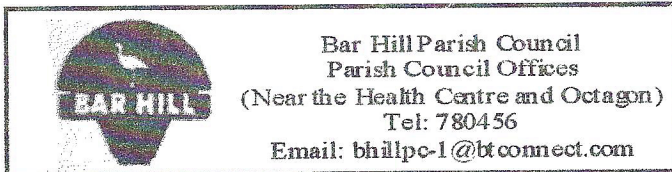
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Parish Council Web Site – www.barhillpc.org.uk.

This will keep you up to date on current affairs in the village including meeting minutes and agenda.

Litter Picking Day

May I take this opportunity to thank all those residents that turned up on the day and helped clear the village of litter. We had a very good turn out once again and hopefully now that Tesco are doing their bit, the litter should be kept to a minimum.

Information Centre

We are nearly there! Planning application has gone through and the access is just about sorted. The Building Contractors are scheduled to start the rebuild in early May.

Bus Shelter

This job has now been completed much to the satisfaction of the Parish Council. May I thank Iain Martin Building Services for his prompt attention to this job, which was completed within two weeks of the quotation being accepted by the Insurance Company.

Lost Property

The Parish Council now has 4 bikes to the rear of the office, waiting for their owners to take them home. If you think they could belong to you, please pop along to the office to have a look. Also a pair of binoculars was found on the village green a couple of weeks ago.

Casual Vacancy

Due to a recent resignation, and the advertisement placed in the Bar Hill News last month, we still have a casual vacancy for a Parish Councillor to join our team. If you feel that you would like to contribute towards the future of the village, please contact me, in writing by 9th May. I will then send you further information.

Police Surgery

Karen Mahoney, our PCSO, is holding police surgeries in the Parish Council Office every third Wednesday in the month between 10 am and 12 noon. If you have any issues you would like to raise with the Police please come along and see her. No appointment necessary.

Parish Council Meetings

The next monthly Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 15th May at 7 pm in the Parish Council Office and all members of the public are welcome to attend.

HANDY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Streetlights: 0800 253529 give the CC No. (written on post).

South Cambs District Council: (01223) 443000

Dog Fouling: (01223) 443012.

County Council (damaged paths and roads): (01223) 717111

Leigh Baffa

Parish Clerk

Tel: 780456

Email: bhillpc-1@btconnect.com

REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR BUNTY WATERS

MAY 1ST LOCAL ELECTIONS

There are no elections in the Bar Hill Ward this year.

BUS PASSES

I am sorry that some people did not receive their bus pass by April 1st and hope that you have done so by now. Please contact me if you are experiencing any problems.

SCRUTINY

South Cambridgeshire residents are invited to Scrutiny meetings which are held in village parish halls around South Cambs. If you are interested in attending please let me know for more information.

SCDC AND CAMBRIDGE CITY BOUNDARIES

Clearer district boundaries could be on the cards as South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridge City Council consider proposals to re-align their boundaries.

The proposals look to protect the setting and identity of villages located close to, but outside of, the edge of the city. They also aim to incorporate into South Cambridgeshire district undeveloped land with a rural character which is currently within the city boundary in order to strengthen the integrity of the Green Belt around Cambridge.

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

At our March meeting we discussed plans for a stall at the Village Fête and decided again to have a raffle stall. On the 14th June we are going to Alveras to the National Arboretum. As of yesterday the coach had only two seats spare.

On the 14th April Bar Hill hosted the group meeting of ourselves Swavesey, Histon and Over. The guest speaker was Col. Stuart Waterhouse who as a young officer served on Montgomery's staff. His subject was Operation Overlord.

Our meetings are held on the 4th Thursday in the Church meetings room at 8 pm. New members are always welcome.

Mary Shubotham

Secretary 781553

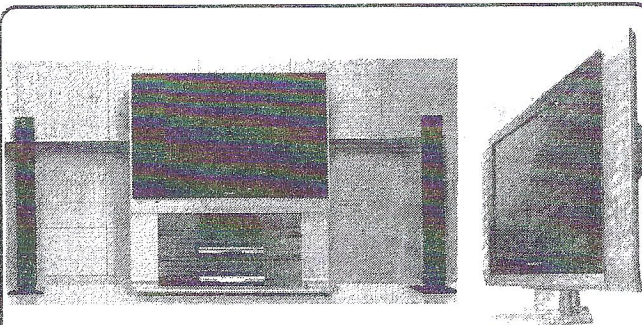
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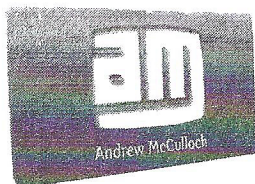
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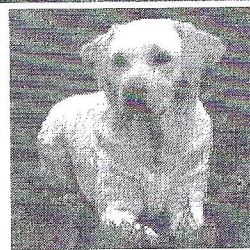
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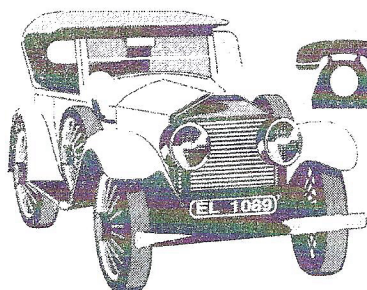
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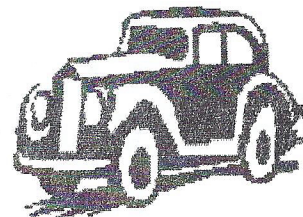


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During the holidays we have themed activities, which the children are involved in choosing, as they are with many other issues, such as outings etc – as it is their Club, they even chose its name. The children are given a snack, such as pasta or filled pittas, followed by a biscuit and fresh fruit. We also make birthday cakes to celebrate each child's birthday, which are shared.

We are registered with OFSTED, and we accept employers' childcare vouchers.

Session Times

After School 3.10 pm – 6 pm Monday – Friday

School Holidays 8.15 am – 6 pm Monday – Friday

Closed on Bank Holidays

Hiring

Our large room is available for hire for parties and meetings etc. £6 per hour, £10 for kitchen (per booking) minimum hire charge of £20.

We currently have some vacancies, both after school and during the holidays. If you would like more information, an information pack or to arrange a visit, call Patsie on 201079 or 07921 541549.

Patsie Ostler

Bar Hill Out Of School Club

I wanted to let you know that from Sunday 6th April 2008 the Park and Ride return fare will be increasing to £2.20 (it is currently £2). In addition the Babraham to Addenbrooke's fare will be increasing to £1.70 (it is currently £1.50). However the Park and Ride weekly ticket, which allows 7 consecutive days unlimited travel on Park and Ride services, will be remaining at £9 offering customers great value for money. As you are no doubt aware Park and Ride fares have not increased since April 2006 but the service is facing significantly higher operational costs due to the rising cost of fuel.

John Reynolds



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Subsidised places

We offer reduced sessions rates for parents/carers on Income Support/Working tax credit. We also accept child care vouchers from your employer.

Early Years Funding

We can offer 5 free sessions when your child is eligible, currently the term after their 3rd birthday.

Play Tots Session

9.15 - 10.45 Tuesday

This is our session for babies to Pre-School with Emma our Birth to Three Co-ordinator. We have lots of fun and a large selection of activities, including our new soft play den and toys especially for the tots. Sessions are held on a pay as you play basis. Drinks and healthy snacks are provided.

Rising 5's session

This session is for children in their final year at Pre-School. This is a more structured session preparing them for school entry.

Session Times

Monday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00
Tuesday	Play tots	12.30 - 3.00
Wed	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00
Thursday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00
Friday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00 (rising fives)

We offer a lunch club 11.30 - 12.30 daily

For more information please contact the Pre-School direct on (01954) 782892 during session times or feel free to pop in and see us.

Alternatively contact Sarah our session allocation Co-ordinator on (01954) 781871 before 7 pm weekdays.

Please note we are currently taking applications for 2008/09 entry

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REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR JOHN REYNOLDS

Cambridgeshire Guided Busway

Good progress is being made with the construction of the guided busway. The project is both on time and within budget. The whole project should be open for service next spring.

Congestion Charge (Transport Innovation Fund)

The consultation on this has now finished and the independent researchers are now analysing all the information submitted. This information will be presented to the Council, in front of an audience drawn from local authorities, business and the media, at a special event on May 6th. The Council will review the information before proposing a way forward.

May I thank all those who took the time to respond to my questionnaire in writing and by telephone: I received in all 63 responses. In general the majority of respondents were in favour of the improvements proposed. In answer to the question "do you support the congestion charge" there were 10 in favour, 50 against and 3 did not answer the question. I will be writing direct to all respondents to answer, where possible, the individual questions raised.

Recycling Contract

I had the privilege to sign the £730 million contract (which will run for over 28 years) between Cambridgeshire County Council and Donarbon Waste Management Limited. This will see thousands of tonnes of Cambridgeshire waste composted or recycled. The centrepiece of the plans is a state of the art Mechanical Biological Treatment (MBT) plant which sorts "black bag rubbish", removing material for recycling before producing a compost-like material.

The scheme will also include a visitor centre where people, including local children, will be able to learn more about recycling and find out about the MBT plant, which uses environmentally friendly methods to treat waste. Additional facilities for the composting of kerbside collected kitchen and garden waste will also be provided under the new contract.

Late Night Bus

As many of you will know the bid to see the return of the late night bus service from Cambridge to Bar Hill has again been turned down. Tenders were sent to every local bus operator by the County Council. Only one tender was received, that was from the existing operator. However the operator, Huntingdon and District (H&D), wanted £50 per night (an additional cost of over £15,000 per year) to add just one stop at Bar Hill as part of the existing service from Cambridge to St Ives via Bar Hill and Longstanton.

I am appalled at the cynical attitude by the operator to quote such a ridiculous sum to provide this important service. I have discussed this issue with County Council officials at length over the past year. They were aware of my strong desire to see the service reinstated. Many people regularly used the original service as a way of

returning home after enjoying an evening out in the City. I have asked County Council officials to start negotiations with Stage Coach, who took over the Huntingdon and District Bus Company last month, to reinstate the stop without further delay.

Northstowe Development

The County Council has urged Gallaghers and English Partnerships, the promoters of Northstowe to re-think their planning application for the new town. The application describes Northstowe as an exemplar of sustainability but the County Council believes this to be far from the case.

This application fails to meet the needs of residents of Northstowe and the surrounding villages in too many respects. It is meant to be a prototype eco-town and yet far too often priority is given to the private car above other, more sustainable, means of transport. The application assumes that around 70% of journeys will be made by private car and only minimum cycle provision is proposed. This is unacceptable for a development claiming to be an exemplar of sustainability.

There is no vision for meeting tomorrow's standards to provide a carbon free community, but at the same time, there is no protection for surrounding villages from the impact of the additional traffic.

Finally, the developers must be pro-active in seeking to create a community at Northstowe. The proposal to build houses first and only develop the town centre at a later date merely replicates the problems we know exist in Cambourne and will fail the needs of Northstowe residents for years to come."

John Reynolds

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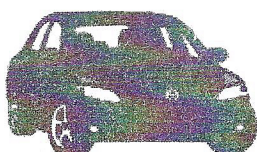
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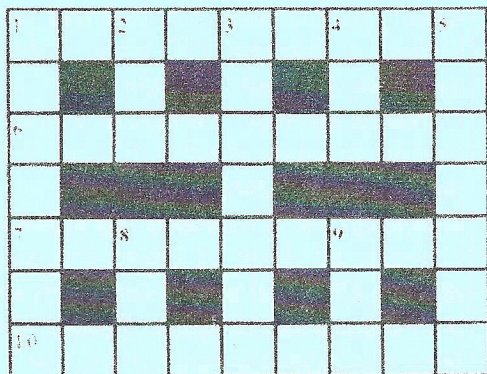
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Answers for April

Across; 1.marquesas. 6. innocents. 7. Stevenage. 10. nefarious.

Down; 1. Meissen. 2. run. 3. unclear. 4. sun. 5. sisters. 8. elf. 9. ado.



May clues

Across; 1.Lakes town. 6. consequences. 7. fight at the back. 10. a kind of nut.

Down; 1. same letters, different words. 2. flying mammal. 3. made furious. 4. woman sounds like a duck. 5. spiny Australian animal. 8. curve. 9. upper limb.

Bar Hill Ecumenical Church - Services for May 2008



Sunday 4 th May	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Morning Worship with Baptism
	6.30 pm	Creative Prayer
Sunday 11 th May	10.00 am	Holy Communion with Baptism and Confirmation
<i>Pentecost</i>	6.30 pm	Prayer walk around the village
Sunday 18 th May	10.00 am	Holy Communion
<i>Trinity Sunday</i>	6.30 pm	Songs of Praise
Sunday 25 th May	10.00 am	All Age Worship
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion
Wednesday 28 th May	10.00 am	Holy Communion

There is also a Roman Catholic Mass at 6.30 pm every Saturday.

People to contact:

The Minister	Rev Ruth Adams	Tel: 78936
Church Centre Manager	Helen Cook	Tel/Fax: 206120

Website—www.barhillchurch.com

The Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs Hills Road, Cambridge (The Catholic Church serving Bar Hill)

Parish Priest: Mgr Tony Rogers Tel: 01223 350787
Deacons: Revd Robert Joyce, Tony Northrop and Tony Sutton
Local contact: Bunty Waters Tel: 201421

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 Tuesday 8 am and 7.30 pm
 Saturday 6 pm First Mass of Sundays
 Also 5 pm at The Ark, Cambourne, and 6 pm at Bar Hill Church Centre

Holydays of Obligation 8 am, 10 am, 7.30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday 6.45 pm (not after Mass)
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Up above sits the old father blackbird,
Looking right smart with his yellow beak too.
Here comes his wife, to the nest she's returning –
Soon that pair will have plenty to do.

It's one of the miracles going on around us.
One of those things taken for granted each day:
But in each one of those eggs – if you just think about it –
The song of a blackbird is all stored away.



Nick Richardson



Happy Hours The Recycled Youth Club

So well known has our Happy Hours Club has become, that I am getting more calls from people reading of our activities in the Bar Hill News, asking if they may join our Club. Unfortunately, our rules state that all members must be over the age of 55 years and must be a resident of Bar Hill. This, of course, excludes Senior Citizens living in nearby villages. It is a great pity, but our present membership is over 80, and appears to be growing.

Lunches. From the middle of May, our lunches will return to the summer menus of Salmon Salad, Cheese Salad, Meat Pie Salad or Ploughman's lunch. This is quite a good selection and still at reasonable prices.

Raffle. Our raffle held on Monday 7th April raised the sum of £65.50, which is being donated to the Alzheimer's Carers Society. Many thanks to our members for donating prizes and supporting the raffle.

Rose Garden. Several of our older members are trying to have the Rose Garden, which used to be near the Octagon building reinstated. I am sure that if they are successful, many of our members will donate towards the rose bushes needed and some of the more able members will offer their services in maintaining the garden.

Village Fête. We will be holding a stall at this year's Village Fête in early July and we are hoping to take part in this year's theme, which is the 40's. We are therefore asking all our members to submit any memorabilia or old photos relating to the 1940's with a brief description or caption. This should stir a few old memories.

Outings. On Wednesday 9th April a party of our members set off to Spalding in nice bright sunshine. We did not see any of the fields of flowering bulbs, but we did find the Springfield Outlet Centre, which kept many of our ladies quite busy visiting the many shops and arcades, together with a nice garden centre and restaurant. Many visited the Gardeners Arms Pub for lunch and found the place, service and food first class, particularly the fish and chips. Leaving there, we called at the Bay Tree Garden Centre for another look around and a welcome cup of tea.

Holidays. As I am writing this, many of our members will be packing their cases for our holiday to Torquay, which starts on Monday 28th April. I hope there will be a vast improvement in the weather before we set off.

Club. As many of the Committee will be away on the holiday, there will not be enough to look after the food and staff the kitchen on Monday 28th April, therefore it has been decided that the Club will be closed on this date. Of course the Club will also be closed on Monday 5th May, which is the Spring Bank Holiday.

Obituary. It is with deep regret that I have to report the death of Eileen Oakman who died on 17th April after a very short spell in the Arthur Rank Hospice. Eileen, who had been a member for many years, was a quiet lady, who enjoyed the Club and her game of scrabble. She will be sincerely missed by her many friends and we send her heartfelt sympathy to her husband, who always came to meet her from the Club.

Sickness. I am sorry to report that Ruby Hunt, our Treasurer for many years, suffered a stroke on Tuesday 8th April and is now in Ward R2 at Addenbrooke's Hospital. Early reports indicate that she is showing some signs of recovery, but a full recovery can be slow. We send Ruby our best wishes and hopefully she will be back with us before too long. We also send our best wishes to her husband Sid, who does not enjoy the best of health himself.

I must also mention our good friend Rose Woodhead, who is at present in Brookfields Hospital for some respite care. Visitors tell me that she is quite well and is enjoying the rest. She sends her best wishes to you all.

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WHAT'S ON IN MAY?

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| 1 st | 8 o'clock Club |
| 8 th | NWR "Smellies" |
| 9 th | RADSOC – Swavesey VC |
| 10 th | Social Club Draw |
| 11 th | Oxfam Walk |
| 17 th | Deadline to book a stall for Fête |
| 17 th | Conservatives' Outing – Alpacas |
| 22 nd | NWR Lakes |
| 22 nd | Royal British Legion meets |
| 23 rd | AGM Residents' Association |
| 24 th | Social Club Draw |
| 24 th | Meat Loaf tribute Social Club |

